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SUBJECT: PROGRESS OF THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON

1. AFTER ARRIVING IN THE EXTREME SOUTH AND THE FAR NORTHEAST APPROXIMATELY ON SCHEDULE, THE MONSOON HAD ADVANCED BY JUNE 19 OVER MUCH OF SOUTH AND EASTERN INDIA AND PARTS OF CENTRAL INDIA. IT'S PROGRESS DURING THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER, HAD BEEN WEAK AND BEHIND SCHEDULE IN MANY AREAS.

2. DURING THE PAST WEEK THE INTENSITY OF THE MONSOON AND ITS ADVANCEMENT HAVE PICKED UP CONSIDERABLY. THE MONSOON HAS NOW COVERED MOST OF INDIA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE STATES OF PUNJAB, JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND THE WESTERN PART OF RAJASTHAN IN NORTH AND NORTHWESTERN INDIA.

3. AS A ROUGH MEASUREMENT OF COMPARISON, AREA ACCOUNTING FOR APPROXIMATELY 68 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL GRAIN PRODUCTION (USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71) HAS RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL DURING JUNE 1-25 THIS YEAR. DURING SIMILAR PERIODS OF TIME FROM 1974 TO 1970, AREAS RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 15,58,36, 75, AND 96 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL GRAIN PRODUCTION. WITH SLIGHTLY LESS THAN ONE-FOURTH OF THE MONSOON SEASON HAVING PASSED MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE MONSOON'S FUTURE PERFORMANCE.SAXBE

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